

wholeheartedly what Senator DeCamp wants to do. I would urge you not to adopt this amendment at this time but have all of us that are excited about this measure continue our excitement when LB 505 is brought forward a week or two from now. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would like to address Senator Withem's concerns. Number one, I didn't meet with anybody over the noon hour except I went to lunch at the Nebraska Club with Marilyn Allen and Rex Haberman. Yeah, I think Marilyn bought lunch. That ought to be some...okay. I haven't even talked to anybody about this amendment except since I have been on the floor. Peter saw what I was doing. I told him because I thought he ought to know. I told Bill Nichol, some of the others, but let's talk about the merits of the amendment. Let's talk about the merits of the amendment, vis-a-vis, as contrasted with Senator Withem's argument that let's sit down here, we have got all these other bills, and we will work out formulas, and we will work out plans there, and we will work out financing systems. Senator Cal Carsten and I have watched every year that same argument and there have been any number of bills for new formulas. In fact, I suspect Senator Sieck had his own bill along with I think Senator Burrows before him on the very concept you are talking about on this floor going nowhere for years because nobody will take any other plan seriously. You will take something serious in here when there is something else out there that is going to happen that you either like or don't like. Now there is one thing everybody is in agreement on. Everybody in here is in agreement you want to do something about property taxes. This does it and it forces the issue on it fairly quickly. Everybody is also on agreement on this concept that when you do something to relieve property taxes the primary place you do it is the school system because they are the ones that use taxes. This does it. The school system, it changes the financing system of it. Everybody is in agreement on one final thing